

## **REMARKS**

In the Final Office Action mailed on November 24, 2008, all claims were rejected as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) or obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103 over US Patent No. 5,680,392 to Seeman et al. ("Seeman") (in combination with Etorre for the obviousness rejections). These rejections are traversed for reasons that will be detailed in an Appeal Brief filed shortly.

In addition, the Final Action raised objections with regard to typographical errors in claims 1, 4 and 6. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended herein to address the typographical errors noted in the Final Action. With regard to the Final Action's comments on an alleged typographical error in claim 4, it is respectfully submitted that there is no error in that claim and that it complies with §112 in its current form. Specifically, it is submitted that there is no typographical error in the phrase "A method as defined by claim 3 and further including the step of ..." Should the examiner disagree, clarification is requested.

Claims 7, 10, 36 and 37 have been rejected under §132(a). Specifically, the Final Action suggests that there is no support in the specification for the amended language reciting that two different meetings have different attendees. Applicant disagrees. Various portions of the specification and FIGS. make clear, for instance, that the different meetings recited cannot be a conference and a sub-conference (see, e.g., FIG. 7, final paragraph on page 3, and final paragraph on page 13). For purposes of advancing prosecution and consideration on appeal, however, claims 7, 36 and 37 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 10 remains un-amended to preserve the right for consideration on appeal. A typographical error on page 13 of the specification is also addressed in the above amendments.

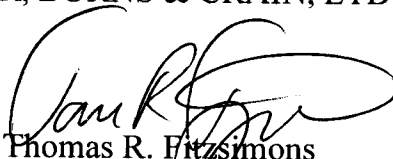
In conclusion, the above amendments place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal, do not require any new search, and therefore should be entered.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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